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Title: Motor Trolling in Vilas and Oneida Counties

The Problem: The proposed rule change allowing motor trolling statewide will have an adverse impact on the musky resource in Vilas and Oneida Counties.

Currently motor trolling is not allowed in Vilas or Oneida Counties. There is a desire by some anglers to be allowed to troll with a single line using live bait.

PROPOSAL

Anglers would be allowed to troll with one line per licensed angler and are restricted to using live bait only on this line. They would also be allowed to cast and immediately retrieve their lures or baits on any additional lines up to a total of three lines per licensed angler. Trolling in this manner could only be conducted using an electric trolling motor to propel their watercraft.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Vilas County on April 8, 2013 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to allow trolling with a single line using live bait only on this line in Vilas and Oneida Counties while using an electric trolling motor to propel the watercraft.

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